Expansion of Motorola Group

3120. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Motorola. Computer Group, the computer arm of the telecommunications giant, Motorola Inc. has announced its plans to expand its operations into India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Motorola Singapore Pte. Ltd. presently holds approval to establish manufacturing capacity for pagers in existing Indian subsidiary, M/s. Motorola Information Systems India Ltd., Bangalore.

The company proposes to enhance their activities in R&D and manufacturing technology to supply equipment to cellular, paging, value added networks and other telecom network, upgradation of their capabilities to add competence and resources for R&D in India and for this to establish one more highly sophisticated software design and development Centre; and to establish training facilities to produce trained telecom engineers in India.

Loan to Small Scale Industries

3121. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for loan received from small scale industries by the Public Sector Banks in Assam and the amount sanctioned in this regard during each of the last three years, till-date;

(b) Whether the banks are not providing timely loans to the applicants as a result of which these industries turned sick; and

(c) If so, the remedial steps the Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The data reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, based on the returns submitted to RBI by the scheduled commercial banks, the number of sick small scale industrial (SSI) units and the outstanding credit in respect of these units in the State of Assam as at the end of March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995 was as under :

(Rs. crores)

	Number of Sick SSI units	Outstanding Amount
As on 31st March, 1993	5640	36.43
As on 31st March, 1994	14210	40.52
As on 31st March, 1995	17984	44.60

(b) and (c) RBI has issued instructions to all scheduled commercial banks that applications upto a credit limit of Rs 25,000/- should be disposed of within a fortnight and those for over Rs 25,000/- within 8-9 weeks from the date of receipt of application. Banks have also been advised that requests for increase in credit limits should be considered expeditiously and decision taken promptly and in any case within six weeks.

Industrial Sickness

3122. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Sickness is an offshoot of the structural changes in the economy and is mainly caused by manmade factors;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) According to the studies conducted by Indian Statistical Institute, industrial sickness arises out of bad financial structure and/or chronically inefficient use of factors of production and/or poor market positioning. According to them the major difference between sick firms registered with the BIFR and healthy companies lay in interest cost and wage cost. BIFR companies always had higher debt equity and total liability equity ratios compared to the non BIFR firms. The study has suggested the need for creating an information base that deals with the credit worthiness of large borrowers in both their corporate and individual capacities, shifting responsibilities of industrial and corporate organization from secured creditors to the defaulting debtors firms and BIFR becoming a fast track facilitator and occasional arbitrator for disposal of the cases referrd to it. The study has also suggested financial restructuring of companies such as converting debt into equity and corporate reorganisation via land sales.

Registration of Powerlooms

3123 : SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made compulsory registration of powerlooms;

(b) if so, the number of powerlooms registered during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of powerlooms increasing rapidly every year;

(d) if so, the percentage thereof; and

(e) the number of persons employed per year ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir. However, in terms of clause 6(1) of the Textiles (Development and Regulation) Order, 1993, every person on installing any powerloom in the small scale indsutries sector subject to the provisions of any Central or State law, shall file an Information Memorandum in Form 1 to an officer notified in this behalf by the State Government within whose territory the powerloom has been installed, with a copy thereof to the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai and every person on installing any powerloom in non-small scale industrial units (other than units referred to in the proviso) shall file an Information Memorandum in Form 1 to the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai, provided that nothing contained in this sub-clause shall apply in the case of non-small scale industrial units located within 25 Kms from the periphery of a city, if such industrial units are not located within "industrial areas" designated by the State Government before 24th day of July, 1991 and the installation of the aforesaid powerloom in such industrial unit is regulated under the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

(b) A Statement showing the number of powerlooms installed during the last three years, State-wise is attached.

(c) Yes, Sir. From the total number of powerlooms installed during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 (upto June, 1996), it is observed that the number of powerloom has increased.

(d) The percentage increase of powerloom during the year 1994 was 24%, December 1995, 6.42% and 1996 (upto June, 1996), 7.76% over the number of powerloom installed as on December, 1993.

(e) The number of workers engaged in the pwerloom sector in the country as on 31st December, 1994, 31st December, 1995 and 1996 (upto June, 1996) were 65.7 lakhs, 68.26 lakhs and 69.15 lakhs respectively.

STATEMENT

The total number of powerlooms installed during the last three years, State-wise is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Total Number of Powerlooms Installed		
		1994 (as on 31.12.94)	1995 (as on 31.12.95)	1996 (upto June, 1996)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41371	43440	43440
2.	Assam	2726	2726	2726
3.	Bihar	2850	2870	2870
4.	Goa	122	122	122
5.	Gujarat	293491	302280	303670
6.	Haryana	9882	9882	9882
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1302	1302	1302
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
9.	Karnataka	54394	57112	58611
10.	Kerala	2026	2304	3181
11.	Madhya Pradesh	33807	34593	34811
12.	Maharashtra	514302	546110	555712
13.	Orissa	3205	3223	3223
14.	Punjab	21862	21980	22090
15.	Rajasthan	30915	31471	32837
16.	Tamil Nadu	229732	233842	236038
17.	Uttar Pradesh	65366	65366	65366
18.	West Bengal	4212	4223	4237
19.	Sikkim	NIL	NIL	NIL
20.	Delhi	1102	1102	1102
21.	Nagaland	NIL	NIL	NIL
22.	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
23.	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
24.	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
25.	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
26.	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
UNION TERRITORY:				
27.	Chandigarh	42	42	42
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	464	464	464
29.	Pondicherry	830	830	830
30.	Daman & Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
31.	Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	NIL
32.	Andaman & Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Total	1314003	1365284	1382556

Rubber Cultivation

3124. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under rubber cultivation in each State of the North-Eastern region;

(b) whether the Rubber Board has conducted any survey for rubber plantation in the North-Eastern regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government for the development of rubber plantation and process the locally available rubber in the region ?